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[54] **2-PHENYL-4,4,5,5-TETRAMETHYL-
IMIDAZOLINE-1-OXYL-3-OXIDE
DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE AS
THERAPEUTIC AGENTS FOR
MAINTAINING BLOOD PRESSURE**

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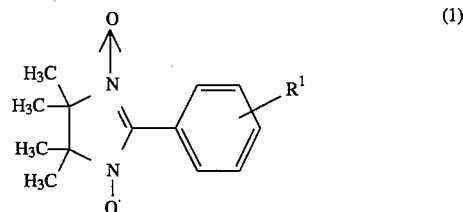
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

(1) The imidazoline derivative represented by the following general formula (1)



where R^1 is a substituent endowed with water solubility or fat solubility, particularly carboxyl group or carboxymethoxy group or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, (2) The method for producing the above-mentioned compound, and (3) A therapeutic agent containing as its active ingredient the above-mentioned imidazoline derivative or an imidazoline derivative wherein R^1 indicated in the formula (1) is hydrogen atom. The imidazoline derivative set forth under (1) above is a novel substance; and this compound itself and its derivative having R^1 as indicated in the general formula (1) is hydrogen atom are useful as a therapeutic agent for treatment of shock from the fall in blood pressure by virtue of their ability to remove excess NO which is the vascular endothelium-derived relaxing factor (EDRF).

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